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## First Monday in October

By Nonie Watt, Head of Technical Services

Just in time for the new term of the Supreme Court, the Washington Post printed their annual “First Monday in October Quiz” with a bit of a twist this year. Rather than focus on the justices themselves, the questions pertain to their behind-the-scenes helpers – the Supreme Court law clerks. As perhaps one day some of you may find yourselves vying for one of these coveted positions, now might be a good time to find out how much you really know about these “supreme” clerkships.

1. Each of the following Supreme Court justices except one is a former Supreme Court law clerk. Who is the exception?

- A. John Roberts
- B. Antonin Scalia
- C. Stephen Breyer
- D. John Paul Stevens

2. Name the justices that each of the three former clerks in Question 1 served.

3. True or False? According to the Legal Times, former Supreme Court law clerks are so highly prized by law firms that some can expect to receive compensation totaling more than \$300,000 for their first year’s work after leaving the court.

4. True or False? Supreme Court clerks are prohibited from representing clients before the court until at least five years after their clerkships end.

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5. Which of the following people was not a Supreme Court law clerk?
- Warren Christopher, former Secretary of State
  - Lara Ingraham, conservative TV pundit
  - Alan Dershowitz, law professor and defense attorney
  - Alberto Gonzales, Attorney General
6. True or False? One of the most important functions of a law clerk is to accompany his or her justice as a note-taker during the conferences at which justices discuss and vote on cases.
7. Through 1997, the nine sitting members of the court had hired a total of 394 law clerks. According to USA Today, what percentage of them were graduates of either Harvard or Yale?
8. True or False? Each law clerk is expected to never reveal the confidential inner workings of the court.
9. According to the introduction to their 1979 book, *The Brethren*, how many former clerks provided authors Woodward and Armstrong with information that “revealed the confidential inner workings of the court”?
- 0
  - 1
  - 12
  - more than 150

#### ANSWERS:

- B. Antonin Scalia
- Roberts - William Rehnquist; Breyer - Arthur Goldberg; Stevens - Wiley Rutledge
- True (Wow!)
- False. However, they must wait at least two years before they can appear before the Court.
- D. Alberto Gonzalez
- False. Only justices are allowed in during deliberations.
- C. 40 percent

- True
- D. More than 150 (Oops!)

#### NEW AND NOTEWORTHY: NEW FILMS

As is the case every year, the law library orders a small number of feature films, and occasional television shows, for the collection. These films are available for check-out at the Circulation Desk and are listed in both the online catalog (IUCAT) and in a notebook (with plot descriptions) at the Circulation Desk. All the films have, to some extent, a legal theme (or at least feature a courtroom scene or a character who is a lawyer).



Over the years we've moved from buying VHS versions of films to DVDs. As finances permit, we replace the most popular VHS movies with DVD versions. Happily, prices for DVD feature films have dropped and we managed to purchase more than 25 films this year. Listed below are just a few of the films we have recently added to the collection.

##### *Bossa Nova* (PN 1997 .B6765 2000)

Amy Irving and a cast of Brazilian actors star in this romantic comedy about an English language teacher in Rio de Janeiro who falls in love with a divorce attorney. Features, and is dedicated to, the music of the great Brazilian composer Antonio Carlos Jobim. Director: Bruno Barreto.

##### *The Exorcism of Emily Rose* (PN1997 .E96 2005)

Emily Rose was an average teenage girl who was the target of terrifying demonic forces that would ultimately shock a town and torment her soul. But was she, as many believed, possessed? In an attempt to clear the clergyman who exorcised Emily, a skeptical attorney awakens to the discovery that powerful spiritual forces may actually exist. Actors: Laura Linney, Tom Wilkinson, Director: Scott Derrickson

##### *Perry Mason: Season 1* (PN 1997 .P4779 2006 disc 1-5)

The first nineteen episodes of this classic television series. Actors: Raymond Burr, Barbara Hale, William Hopper.

##### *The Last Wave* (PN 1997 .L37 2001)

An Australian lawyer takes on the defense of a group of aborigines accused of killing one of their own. He suspects the victim has been killed for violating a tribal taboo, but the defendants deny and tribal association. Actors: Richard Chamberlin, Director: Peter Weir.

##### *The Life of Emile Zola* (PN 1997 .L544 2005)

Winner of 1937's Oscar for Best Picture (as well as Best Actor for Paul Muni), this is the story of French author/activist Emile Zola's relentless campaign to clear the reputation of Army captain Alfred Dreyfus, who has been framed on a charge of treason and condemned to Devil's Island. Director: William Dieterle.

##### *Music Box* (PN 1997 .T75 M875 2003)

An intense courtroom thriller about a Chicago attorney who agrees to defend her Hungarian immigrant father against accusations of war crimes committed 50 years earlier. Actors: Jessica Lang, Director:

Costa-Gavras.

*The Story of Qiu Ju* (PN 1997 .C47 S7679 2006)

Chinese peasant, Qiu Ju, demands an apology when her husband is humiliated by the village Chief. When the Chief refuses to apologize, Qiu Ju is sent on a futile trek through the complicated Chinese judicial system. Actors: Gong Li, Director: Zhang Yimou.

*The Sweet Hereafter* (PN 1997 .S9 1998)

Following a tragic school bus accident, high-profile lawyer Mitchell Stephens descends upon a small town. With promises of retribution and a class-action lawsuit filed on behalf of the grieving community, Stephens begins his investigation into the details of the crash. Actors: Ian Holm, Director: Atom Egoyan.

*Dick Vaughan*

*Acquisitions & Serials Control Librarian*

## IMMIGRATION HISTORY

There was an article in the October issue of *American History* magazine that reminded me how history repeats itself and as George Santayana said "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it." The issue of immigration has long troubled this country, a nation of immigrants. The treatment of the native populations has been difficult for the country and is an issue we still face today. Chinese immigrants were excluded by the racist Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882. Japanese immigrants and Japanese-Americans were interned during World War II in blatant violation of their constitutional rights (the German-Americans and Italian-Americans were dealt with individually during the war). The Irish were often despised—I have read Indianapolis newspaper articles from the 1850's where the papers expressed the opinion that Germans should be encouraged to immigrate (because they were hard working with their only major fault being they liked to drink beer) while the Irish were viewed as lazy drunks who would just be on the public dole. We see today the debate over immigration from Mexico and the desire to limit it, build a large fence, increase patrols, and send back those who are here illegally. What I did not realize is that much of this same argument was directed at Mexican immigrants in the 1930s. The article is titled "When America Sent Her Own Packing" and was written by Steve Boisson. Boisson states that for many years the Border Patrol had looked the other way at Mexicans crossing the border looking for work. After the Mexican Revolution in 1910, immigration increased and some politicians raise the issue, especially Representative John Box of Texas. Boisson states that Congressman Box's arguments sound eerily like they could have been said in the

debate in 2006: "Those who exploited cheap Mexican labor, argued Box and his adherents, betrayed American workers and imperiled American cities with invading hordes of mixed-blood foreigners." [p.22] Magazines like the *Saturday Evening Post* also took up the issue.

With the onset of the Great Depression, this issue of these immigrants taking jobs from American citizens gained support. At first people were intimidated and bullied, but eventually the government realized that the most effective method was to assist people to leave. Thus this program of repatriation was born. Two authors who have studied this and wrote a report titled 'Decade of Betrayal' estimate that "1 million people of Mexican descent were driven from the United States during the 1930's due to raids, scare tactics, deportation, repatriation, and public pressure. Of that conservative estimate, approximately 60 percent of those leaving were legal American citizens." [p.22]

I found this to be a fascinating article about a historical event that I did not know occurred. It's relevance to the debate over immigration that is going on now makes it especially interesting.

*Michael Maben*

*Cataloging Librarian*

## KOREAN STATUTES ON THE WEB

Recently the Law School was visited by two officials from the Korean Legislation Research Institute (KLRI), Mr. Joon-jo Moon and Mr. Chan Ho Park. Mr. Park is a graduate of the Law School's LLM program.

The KLRI is a government agency responsible for legislative drafting, code revision, and the promotion of comparative legislative research. One of its many projects is the publication of Korean statutes in English. The Library has long subscribed to its Statutes of the Republic of Korea, a multi-volume loose-leaf collection. However, the KLRI has now made its translations available through the web, and Mr. Moon and Mr. Park were here, in part, to offer the Law School a password to this database. For researchers, this means that English-language versions of some 800 Korean statutes are now available more readily via electronic access, and more up-to-date as well. The Library will also receive subscriptions to several English-language law reviews, published by the KLRI, including the *Journal of Legislation Research*, *Asia Law Studies*, and the *Asia Law Review*.

The KLRI database of statutes is password-protected, so access will

## THE SUGGESTION BOX

**Every month in this space Associate Director Linda Fariss responds to a suggestion from the Suggestion Box.**

**Suggestion:** [this suggestion actually appeared in the March 2006 newsletter, but I am repeating it since we have an update] Something I've been thinking about for the last 5 ½ semesters - why don't we just go ahead and fix the curtains on the ceiling? I used to pretend that Sloth from Goonies shredded them while yelling "Hey you guys" but now that gets old - and count me as a vote for fixin' the dang thing!

**Response:** The last time I responded to this question I had to say that we had no idea when it would be fixed, we had been requesting it for years but the University never had the money. But miracles do sometimes happen - the shade has been fixed! In fact, all of the shades were removed from the atrium recently so we should never have this problem again. When you come back from fall break, look for some (hopefully) cool new artwork hanging from the atrium

require use of the Library's generic password log-in for such databases. If you wish to use this database, or just want to check it out, but have forgotten how to use the Library's log-in utility, please see a reference librarian.

*Ralph Gaebler*  
*Foreign & Int'l Librarian*

## **INFORMATION PUSH: SIGN UP TO RECEIVE EMAIL ALERTS FROM BNA OR MOSAIC**

It's definitely better to receive information than to give up your scarce time to actively track it down. That is the principle behind information push. Information is pushed out to you without any work on your part (except reading it). The Law Library recently subscribed to all BNA material available to academic institutions. This content is now linked off of the Library's Online Resources page under 'BNA All' and covers a wealth of practice areas such as securities, tax, environment, criminal law, intellectual property, etc. At the top of the 'BNA All' page are links to subscribe to BNA's email alerts. (There are two links to follow as BNA has two different collections of content.) Once registered, you may then check the boxes next to the content of the alerts that you wish to receive via email. Then, merely sit back on your duff and wait. (Oh by the way, you can now access all of the BNA content on Lexis and Westlaw as well.)

Also, the Library has just subscribed to the Mosaic family of databases. There is one covering each of the topics of securities (SEC), communications (FCC) and energy law (FERC). All are now linked from the Online Resources page. If you would like to receive Mosaic's daily emails as to any of these topics, please contact me and I will forward your email address to the vendor. Additionally, it is possible on both Lexis and Westlaw to have a search run automatically on the database of your choice and have new content reported to you via email. If you have any questions about this process or would like assistance setting up alerts on either BNA, Mosaic, Lexis, or Westlaw, please contact Peter Hook (pahook@indiana.edu).

*Peter Hook,*  
*Electronic Services Librarian*

## **STAPLER WARS**

Those of you who have been around for awhile know that we have had an ongoing problem with maintaining a heavy duty stapler at the Law Library desk. We buy them and the students break them! It doesn't seem to matter how much we spend for the stapler or what brand we buy, it is broken within months of purchase. Because these staplers are quite expensive, we decided last year to only buy ONE stapler per year. If it was broken, that was it. In keeping with this decision, we purchased a new heavy duty stapler during the summer. By September it was broken!! Because we are basically soft-hearted, we did not simply take it away. We purchased another heavy duty stapler, but we are no longer keeping it at the circulation desk. If you need to use it, please go to the Circulation Office. Rebecca Bertoloni Meli or Chris Mc Neely will be happy to let you use it. Unfortunately, if the Circulation Office is closed, you will have to wait until someone is there. Desk attendants are not authorized to get the stapler. I recognize that this may be inconvenient, but it is the only solution we could come up with to protect the stapler and make sure that we had one available for student use.

*Linda Fariss*  
*Associate Director*

## **Law Library Fall Break Hours October 13 - 22, 2006**

October 13, Friday	7:30 am - 8:00 pm
October 14, Saturday	8:00 am - 5:00pm
October 15, Sunday	1:00 pm - 8:00pm
October 16 - 20, Monday - Friday	8:00 am - 8:00pm
October 21, Saturday	8:00 am - 5:00 pm
October 22, Sunday	Resume Regular Hours

## **WORKING THE HALLS**

Happy October Birthday to:

Professor Singleton on the 5th  
Professor Oliver on the 6th  
Professor Heidt on the 10th  
Randy Sparks on the 11th  
Professor Dau-Schmidt on 12th  
Professor Brown on the 13th  
Dave Lankford on the 15th

Professor Hicks on the 26th  
Professor Popkin on the 28th

